

I am an Emergency Manager with the state of Idaho. At least twice in the last ten years we have had substantial portions of rural Idaho counties completely cut off from the rest of the state as a result of heavy wet snow and subsequent flooding. Power, access, and antennas were lost in the public sector communication system and access to communication sites was impossible for several weeks and then only by helicopter. You should be aware that these remote areas did not then and do not now have the most basic cellular service. Given our mountainous terrain, some additional spectrum in the 5 Mhz range would be a substantial aid to emergency and welfare communications. I support the ARRL's petition for addition spectrum both as an Amateur Radio Operator and as an Emergency Manager Who is required to deliver assistance during emergencies.

Sincerely,
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